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## **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1041**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE EVAN MECHAM.

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1 The Honorable Evan Mecham died on February 21, 2008 at the age of  
2 eighty-three.

3 Born on May 12, 1924 in Duchesne, Utah, Evan Mecham was one of six  
4 children of Adelbert and Ina Mecham. He grew up on a country farm, the  
5 youngest of five sons. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces at  
6 the age of eighteen and eventually earned his pilot's license. He flew photo  
7 reconnaissance and fighter escort missions over Europe during World War II.  
8 On March 7, 1945, he was shot down over Germany and was held as a prisoner of  
9 war until liberated by General Patton's army shortly before the war ended in  
10 Europe. Evan Mecham returned home and married his high school sweetheart,  
11 Florence Lambert, on June 11, 1945 at the LDS temple in Salt Lake City.

12 Evan Mecham successfully operated a Pontiac agency in Ajo, Arizona  
13 before moving the franchise to Glendale in 1954. He distinguished himself as  
14 a successful businessman and automobile dealer before being elected to the  
15 Arizona Senate in 1960 where he served one term. He published his own  
16 newspaper, the Evening American, from 1963 to 1973, and in 1986 he was  
17 elected as Governor of Arizona. During his term, he was successful in his  
18 efforts to stop tax increases, reestablish the Arizona Department of Weights  
19 and Measures, reform the civil court system and expand the state's health  
20 care program for the poor to provide long-term care for elderly and disabled  
21 individuals. He was also instrumental in uniting the nation's governors to  
22 urge Congress to repeal the 55 mph speed limit. Though his tenure was  
23 fraught with controversy, Evan Mecham met the challenges of adversity head on  
24 and remained committed to his unwavering beliefs in states' rights and  
25 personal freedoms.

26 Following his departure from politics, Evan Mecham wrote several books.  
27 He gave freely of his time, energy and efforts in numerous capacities in the  
28 LDS church, including such positions as bishop, high counselor, gospel  
29 doctrine teacher and home teacher.

30 Dedicated to his family, Evan Mecham will be greatly missed by his wife  
31 of sixty-two years, Florence, his children, Suzanne, Dennis, Christine, Eric,  
32 Teresa, Kyle and Lance, his brothers, Wayne, Willard and Arnold, his sister,  
33 Jean, and his twenty-nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

34 Therefore

35 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
36 Representatives concurring:

37 That the Members of the Legislature express regret at the death of the  
38 Honorable Evan Mecham and extend their deepest condolences to his surviving  
39 family members.

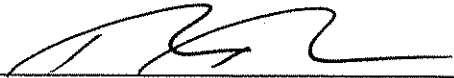
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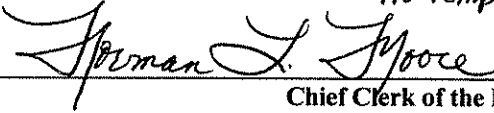
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*Pro Tempore*



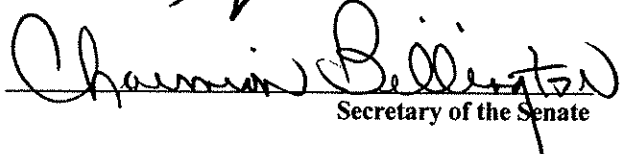
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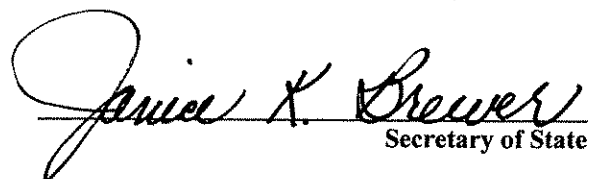
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State  
this 20 day of March, 20 08,

at 8:10 o'clock A. M.



Secretary of State